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In re U.S. National Phase of )  
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for: ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Inventors: Atsushi MAE et al. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
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For: **Image Recording Apparatus and**  
**Method, and Program**  
**(As Amended)**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.